Glenwood Springs Historical Society

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Ghost Walk Returns

Tickets for the 25th annual Historic Ghost Walk are now available at GlenwoodHistory.org.

The event takes place Friday and Saturday evenings over the first three weekends of October at Linwood Cemetery in Glenwood Springs, concluding with a special indoor performance at Glenwood Vaudeville Revue.

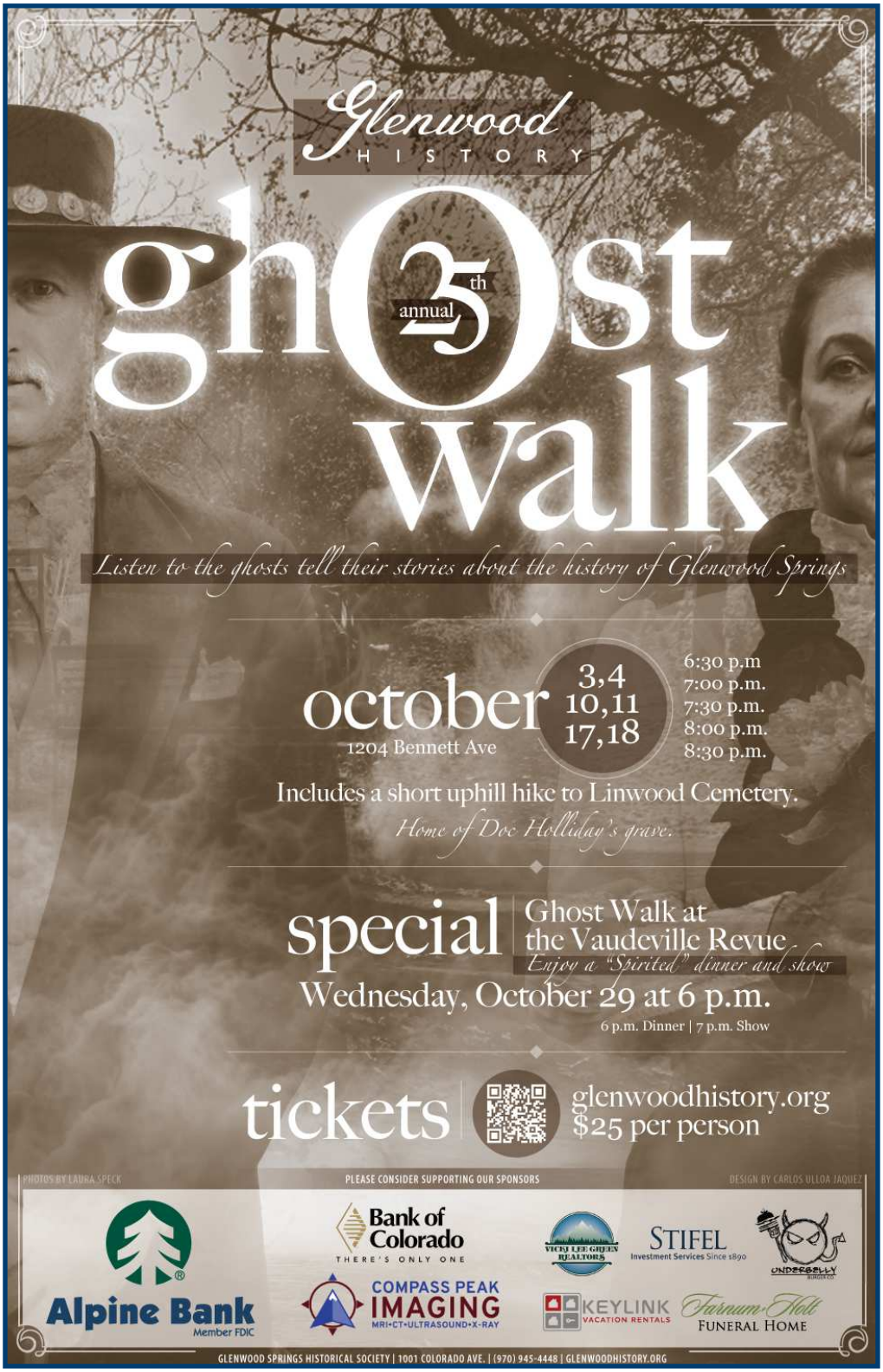
Tickets for all performances are $25 and can be purchased only at the society's website, GlenwoodHistory.org. The cemetery tours and stage production both usually sell out, so early purchase of tickets is encouraged.

During the walking experience at Linwood Cemetery, guides escort guests from gravesite to gravesite along a lantern-lit path, encountering "ghosts" along the way. Each ghost, portrayed by volunteer actors, shares the story of their life. The tour concludes with complimentary hot apple

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- Gingerbread house contest open for entries.



Presentation on Pioneer Cemeteries October 9

Author Eilene Lyon will discuss her research on pioneer cemeteries on Thursday, October 9, as part of the society's free public speaker series.

Lyon will talk about source materials and some of the stories she uncovered during the research for her second book, *What Lies Beneath Colorado: Pioneer Graveyards and Cemeteries*, including some of the hidden personal trials and triumphs discovered in Colorado's oldest cemeteries.

The free presentation begins at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 9, at the Glenwood Springs branch of Garfield County Public Libraries, at 815 Cooper Avenue.

A resident of Durango, where she explores the San Juan Mountains for plants, animals, and history, Lyon writes regularly on her blog, Myricopia, and has published articles in local and regional genealogy and history magazines. She shares her passion for family history by giving presentations on history, research, writing, and genealogy to local, regional, and national audiences, helping others to

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The Orpheum Theatre at 823 Grand Avenue was originally named the Isis Theatre and opened its doors on March 16, 1910. Entertainment included plays, concerts and moving pictures. In 1914, under new ownership, the Isis name was changed to the Orpheum. Then in 1939, it became the Glen Theater. In 1983, condemnation forced the closing of the Glen. This is currently where Stoneyard Distillery Tasting Room is located.



Author and researcher Eilene Lyon.

Save these Dates!

November 8, 10:30 am

Glenwood Springs Branch Library

Khloe Everett, Speaker: Colorado's Caves and Caving

November 28, 3:00-8:00 pm

Hotel Colorado

Gingerbread House Competition and Fundraiser

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Gingerbread House Competition

Entry Form Available, Rules Announced

Entry forms for the gingerbread house competition organized by the historical society are now available at GlenwoodHistory.org. Competition entries will be displayed in the Hotel Colorado's Roosevelt Room as part of the hotel's annual holiday celebration in November, with cash and other prizes awarded in both judged and people's choice categories.

Along with Hotel Colorado's donation of space and equipment, the competition is also made possible by the support of ANB Bank. Now in its fourth year, the event encourages home cooks and young creators to showcase their food artistry and celebrate the unique history of Glenwood Springs. Proceeds from the competition directly support the historical society's mission of preserving and sharing that history.

The competition's opening takes place at Hotel Colorado's lighting event on November 28, where a community panel will determine Judge's Choice awards.

A people's choice competition will also take place, with winning based on the amount of money "votes" earned by each creation during the Hotel Colorado event. Top vote-getters will be displayed for continued voting in the lobby of ANB Bank through December 12, when the people's choice will be announced. The donations all benefit Glenwood Springs Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Repeated voting is allowed and encouraged.

Cash and other prizes will be awarded to the top vote-getters in each competition.

Throughout the ANB Bank display, a silent auction of special art prints of photographs from the historical society's collection will take place, with proceeds also benefiting that nonprofit.

The contest is open to three non-professional categories of entrants: adults aged 18 and older who are not employed as bakers or chefs, teens aged 13-17, and children 12 and younger. Entrants can work individually or as part of two-person teams. The entry fee is $10.

A fourth category of creations prepared by professional cooks is by invitation only. Individual and two-person teams comprised of caterers, chefs, bakers, and other culinary professionals will be considered. To receive an invitation, write to director@glenwoodhistory.org.

Adult submissions must represent a local house, building, landmark, or attraction, but entries in the teen and children categories can depict any creation. Every entry must be accompanied by a short description of the building or creation shown, and information about the design's inspiration. These stories, submitted on a five-by-eight card, will be displayed alongside the creations.

Registrations for the competition must be submitted before Monday, November 17, 2025. Contestants can download a registration form at GlenwoodHistory.org, then submit the completed entry form by email or regular mail. Entries will be judged for skill and artistry during the November 28th event by a community panel.

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cider and cookies.

Cemetery tours are presented on October 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18. Five tours are offered each evening, with the first tour at 6:30pm and the last at 8:30pm. Altogether, the tours last about two hours. Each tour includes a 1/3-mile uphill hike to the cemetery, and participants should wear footwear and clothing appropriate for an evening October hike, and should also bring an electric flashlight, headlamp, or lantern.

In addition to the cemetery tours, a one-night-only indoor event will be staged on October 29 at the Glenwood Vaudeville Revue. The actors portray their characters on stage, with food and drink available for purchase. The doors open at 6:00pm for food, beverage, and seating, with a 7:00pm curtain.

Figures from Glenwood Springs history that will be portrayed include John “Doc” Holliday, Kate Bender, Caroline Clark Barlow, Ella Sellar, Ed Hughes, and Ida Lee Alburn, among others. The roster of characters will vary from night to night.

Event organizers gratefully acknowledge the generous support of sponsors Alpine Bank, Bank of Colorado, Compass Peak Imaging, Farnum Holt Funeral Home, Keylink Vacation Rentals, Stifel Investment Services, Underbelly Burger, Vicki Lee Green Realtors, and City of Glenwood Springs.

Opportunities for volunteer guides are still available. Write to director@glenwoodhistory.org or call 970-945-4448 for more information.



Hot Water Babies

Above, artifacts add interest to historic photographs in preparation for a new display at the history museum on Glenwood Springs education.

Cemeteries

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know their ancestors with greater compassion and historical context.

Lyon has spent decades researching family histories to tell stories about the past. Her first book, *Fortune’s Frenzy: A California Gold Rush Odyssey*, revealed previously unknown aspects of the gold rush, was a Spur Awards finalist, and was awarded a Will Rogers Bronze medallion.

The speaker series is presented in partnership with Garfield County Public Libraries and with the support of City of Glenwood Springs.

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